

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** General

**Topic:** Senate Estimates briefing

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** F95

**Type of question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** Wednesday, 31 December 2014

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**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:

1. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Senate Estimates?
2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
  - a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the Minister or their office?
4. Did the Minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
  - a) If so, when did this occur?
  - b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
  - c) When were the changes made?
5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

**Answer:**

1. Three.
2. The information was collated over a four week period. Exact times were not recorded.
3. No.
4. No.
5. Information on briefing provided to Ministers is generally not made publicly available in order to maintain the agency's ability to properly and effectively brief its Ministers.